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NEWS ITEMS

From a recent number of the *Times* we learn that the United States Bureau of Fisheries will send the steamer Albatross on a scientific cruise, and by special arrangement the American Museum of Natural History of New York will coöperate. The Albatross will sail from San Diego, Cal. Collecting parties will be landed in lower California to gather specimens of birds, reptiles, mammals and of the plant life of the coast. The New York Zoölogical Society and the New York Botanical Garden will be represented in these landing parties. The Gulf of California will be explored and the pearl shell fisheries studied with a view to transplanting pearl shell oysters to Florida waters.

Professor V. R. Gardner has been appointed associate professor of pomology at the Oregon Agricultural College to succeed Professor C. A. Cole, who has resigned.

During 1910 over three million persons visited the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. The greatest day's attendance was 152,454.

The University of Colorado Mountain Laboratory at Tolland, Colorado, begins its third session June 19, 1911. Courses in systematic botany, plant ecology, algology and field biology (plant and animal). The laboratory is at 8889 ft. and offers varied conditions for study. Pamphlet may be obtained from Dr. Francis Ramaley, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado.

Recent visitors at the New York Botanical Garden include Dr. Ezra Brainerd, Dr. W. C. Coker, Dr. Marie Stopes of Manchester, and Dr. C. F. Millspaugh en route to the Bahamas. Dr. and Mrs. N. L. Britton have gone to Cuba, and Dr. Small has returned from explorations in Florida.

The board of the University of Iowa has definitely decided to provide a special building for the collections of Prof. Calvin and Dr. T. H. Macbride, whose work on the geology and botany

of Iowa has heretofore been handicapped by lack of adequate room.

Contributors to *TORREYA* are requested to note the change of address of Mr. Norman Taylor, the editor. After March 16 letters should be sent to Central Museum, Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Volume 1, No. 1 of *Phytopathology*, the official organ of the American Phytopathological Society has just appeared. The editors are L. R. Jones, C. L. Shear, and H. H. Whetzel.

The biological laboratory of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences at Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., announces summer courses in botany as follows: Cryptogamic botany, Ecology, special advanced work in either of these subjects, and other studies of a more general character. For further information address Prof. F. W. Hooper, Academy of Music, Brooklyn, N. Y.